



1040 Harley-Davidson Way
Sturgis, SD 57785



President's Day, February 15

News & Upcoming Events

Sturgis City Council: February 1 and 16 at 6:30pm at the Erskine Building.

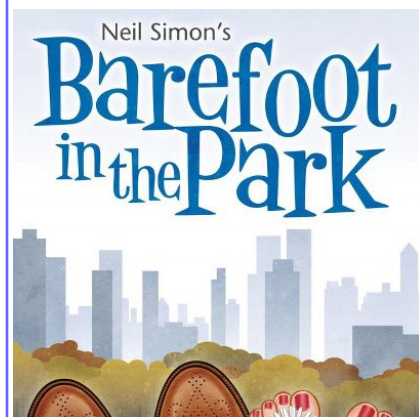
Planning and Zoning: February 2 at 5:30pm at City Hall.

Armchair Travelers Book Club: Sturgis Library Lushbough Room, Thursday, February 4 at Noon. The theme will be *past presidents of the U.S.*

City Offices Closed - City offices including the Library and the Community Center will be closed on Monday, February 15 for President's Day.

History at High Noon - February 19 at noon in the Library. Ramona Saubers will present a program about two early leaders in our community, Father Rosen and Father Columban.

Coloring Craze for Adults: Sturgis Library, Thursday, February 18 from 5:00 - 6:00pm.



Sturgis Area Arts Council presents
"Barefoot In The Park"

Friday, February 26 at 7:00pm
Saturday, February 27 at 7:00pm
Sunday, February 28 at 2:00pm

Sturgis Community Center Theater
Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for students. Available at the door.

Officials

Mayor

Mark Carstensen 490-1044

Council Members

Ward One:

Mike Bachand 490-1054

Rod Bradley 389-3209

Ward Two:

Tony Dargatz 490-3584

David Hersrud 347-5061

Ward Three:

Jason Anderson 490-1618

Ron Waterland 720-5010

Ward Four:

Branden Bestgen 644-6005

Adam Martin 499-8549

City Manager

Daniel Ainslie 347-4422

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Our Mission: To provide an attractive, growing community being served by a professional staff that offers reliable, quality municipal services.

City Welcomes Jerry W. Cole as New Director of Rally and Events

Jerry W. Cole was recently hired as the new Rally and Events Director with the City of Sturgis, after a lengthy recruitment and selection process. Mr. Cole steps into the vacancy left by former Director, Brenda Vasknetz.

Mr. Cole comes to Sturgis following his role as Executive Director for the Dickinson (ND) Chamber of Commerce. Prior to that, he served almost two years as the Executive Director of the Hill City Area Chamber of Commerce. In that capacity, he oversaw the Chamber's various tourism events, including the Hill City Wine, Brew & BBQ, Logging Show and Art Extravaganza. Mr. Cole was also the first Director of the Parks & Recreation Department with the City of Rapid City, serving from 2004 to 2012. During that time, he was the founding Event Director for the Black Hills Fat Tire Festival with attendees coming from 17 states and 5 different countries. Mr. Cole is a graduate of Chadron State College.

Mr. Cole's professional career encompasses both municipal and not-for-profit organizations with an emphasis on event planning and promotion, tourism marketing, parks and recreation management, and sponsorship solicitation. Mr. Cole's professional achievements and leadership skills are ideal for coordinating the complex logistical challenges of the Sturgis® Motorcycle Rally™ as well as other annual events.



VanDewater New Chief of Police

Geody VanDewater has been named Police Chief for the City of Sturgis. He fills the position formally held by Jim Bush who retires on January 22 after serving 37 years with the Police Department.

VanDewater has more than seventeen years of law enforcement experience in both county and municipal agencies in South Dakota. He started his law enforcement career as a reserve officer in Hot Springs. He worked for two years with the City of Edgemont and then served five years as Deputy Sheriff for the Fall River Sheriff's Office.

VanDewater started with the City of Sturgis in November 2006 as a patrol officer. He has served as a patrol sergeant and lieutenant. For the past three years, Geody has served the community as the Assistant Chief of Police.

City Manager Daniel Ainslie stated, "I have worked with Geody in his capacity as Assistant Chief. I know that he will provide the leadership necessary for the Sturgis Police Department to continue to provide safe, effective, community policing that our residents expect and deserve."

Keszler Appointed Interim Councilor to Ward 4

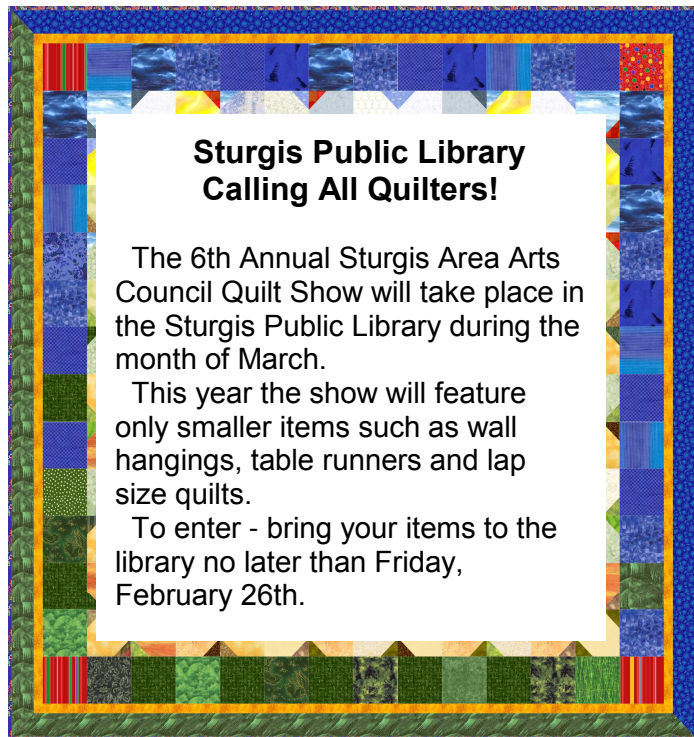
On January 4, City Council representatives selected Steve Keszler to serve as interim Ward 4 City Councilman. Councilor Keszler will fill a

temporary vacancy created by Branden Bestgen who recently announced his resignation.

When a Council seat is vacated, a temporary Councilor is appointed by the City Council to fill the remaining term. Councilman Bestgen's term would have ended this coming April.

Mr. Keszler will need to go through the formal petition process to get on the April 12 ballot if he chooses to officially run for the Ward 4 seat.





Sturgis Public Library Calling All Quilters!

The 6th Annual Sturgis Area Arts Council Quilt Show will take place in the Sturgis Public Library during the month of March.

This year the show will feature only smaller items such as wall hangings, table runners and lap size quilts.

To enter - bring your items to the library no later than Friday, February 26th.

SAFETY REMINDER

Don't be a Victim of CO Poisoning

Carbon monoxide (CO) is called the "Invisible Killer" because it's a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. More than 150 people in the United States die every year from accidental CO poisoning associated with consumer products, including generators. Other products include faulty, improperly-used or incorrectly-vented fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, stoves, water heaters and fireplaces.

To help you stay safe, make sure your home has a carbon monoxide alarm. As with smoke alarms, install a carbon monoxide alarm on every level of your home, especially near sleeping areas, and keep them at least 15 feet away from fuel-burning appliances.

- Carbon monoxide alarms are not substitutes for smoke alarms, and vice versa. Combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are available.
- Don't use a grill, generator or camping stove inside your home, garage or near a window.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Don't leave a car, SUV or motorcycle engine running inside a garage.

Effects of CO poisoning include flu like symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, head-ache, confusion, chest pain and dizziness.

Reminders From Public Works

Sturgis Public Works would like to provide the following information about our Sanitation Program.

1. All garbage placed in totes needs to be bagged and tied shut to minimize litter.
2. Totes must be placed at the curb or on the edge of the street, at least 3 feet away from any obstructions (mailboxes, cars, utility poles, tree limbs, ect.). Totes need to be facing the street for automated dumping.
3. Portable totes can be placed out for collection the night before pick up is scheduled. They should always be taken back to a secure location at the residence after they are emptied. Totes left out on the curb often blow away or are vandalized. The City is not responsible for replacing unsecured totes.
4. Excess garbage left outside a tote may incur an extra dumping fee. Extra garbage may be placed into the tote after it has been dumped and an extra pick up can be scheduled. A second tote can be requested if one is not adequate to contain normal weekly garbage.
5. Totes or cans that are not issued by the City will not be dumped.
6. Large items can be scheduled for pick up by calling the Public Works Department 347-3916 in advance of putting the item out.
7. Short term and extra services are available. A large 300 gal. tote can be provided at the cost of \$10.00 per dump or \$31.53 per month with a weekly pick up.



These items should NOT be placed in city totes:

- Hot Ashes
- Yard Waste - grass clippings, leaves, or branches.
- Rubble - rocks, dirt, carpet, or furniture.
- Building Materials - sheet rock, flooring, tile, lumber, and/or metal.

These items should instead be hauled to the City Rubble Site. A pickup load (5 yards or less) can be dumped for free by providing a current City water bill. The Rubble Site is open Monday through Saturday 8:00am until 4:45pm daily.

Thank You For
Recycling!



Scott Peterson Motors Donates to Local Food Pantry

Scott Peterson Motors recently donated \$5,399 to the Sturgis Kiwanis Food Pantry. Funds were raised as part of their sixth annual 'Drive Away Hunger' food drive. The dealership pledged \$100 for every car sold during the month of December. The goal was to raise \$15,000 and collect 3,000 pounds of food to donate to the Belle Fourche Ministerial Association and Sturgis Kiwanis Food Pantry. The goal was surpassed with a total of \$16,000 collected for the two organizations.

Sturgis Kiwanis would like to thank Scott Peterson and his wife for the donation. They also want to say 'thank you' to the employees and members of the public who made personal donations.

The Kiwanis Food Pantry in Sturgis serves over 250 people each month so all donations are greatly appreciated.



Scott Peterson Motors presents a check to the Kiwanis Food Pantry Board of Directors on January 6, 2016.



City Offices Closed

City offices will be closed on Monday, February 15 in honor of President's Day.

Trash normally collected on Monday will be picked up on Tuesday.

Attention Contractors

Contractor license renewals are due the first of January each year. All contractors working within the city limits are required to be licensed. Please contact the Sturgis Code Enforcement Officer or the Building Inspector if you have not yet renewed your license for 2016.

Contact Information

City Hall 347-4422
City Attorney 347-4422
Code Enforcement and
Inspections 347-4422

Finance Office 347-4422
Human Resources 347-4422
Rally Department 720-0800
1040 Harley-Davidson Way

Community Center 347-6513
5:00 - 8:00 Mon. - Fri.
8:00 - 5:00 Sat.
Noon - 5:00 Sun.
1401 Lazelle Street

Fire & Ambulance 347-5801
Emergency 911
7:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
1901 Ballpark Road

Library 347-2624
8:00 - 7:00 Mon. - Thur.
8:00 - 5:00 Fri.
8:00 - 4:00 Sat.
1040 Harley-Davidson Way

Liquor Store 347-5983
8:00 - 10:00 Mon. - Sat.
10:00 - 6:00 Sun.
1075 Lazelle Street

Parks Department 347-9018
8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
1920 Ballpark Road
Shelter Reservations call
347-4422

Police Department 347-5070
Emergency 911
1400 Main Street

Public Works 347-3916
7:00 - 4:00 Mon. - Fri.
1057 Dudley Street
Rubble Site 347-5605
8:00 - 4:45 Mon. - Sat.
20492 Avalanch Road

Water Department 347-4422
8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
1040 Harley-Davidson Way
After Hours Emergency call
Police Dispatch 347-2573
Payment Drop Box:
1040 Harley-Davidson Way
We now accept credit cards.